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SUBJECT: HEAD OF LIBYAN IMMIGRATION: U.S. BUSINESSMEN ARE WELCOME CLASSIFIED

BY: Gene A. Cretz, Ambassador, U.S. Embassy Tripoli. REASON: 1.4 (b), (d) 1.(C) Summary: In a February 2 meeting with the Ambassador, the director of the Libyan Immigration Service, Mr. Rammali, who had last met with the Embassy in 2006, commented at the outset of the meeting that it was "highly unusual" for him to meet with the Ambassador. In response to the Ambassador's pressing for an end to the apparent freeze on the issuance of Libyan visas to official USG-related travel, Mr. Rammali flagged that National Security Advisor Muatasim al Qadhafi has asked him to be the Libyan signatory on the PISCES agreement, which would allow for the issuance of visas to USG-related travel. The Ambassador raised a long-standing ACS case with Rammali, urging that Mohamed Ghennewa, an American-Libyan citizen and LES Embassy employee, be allowed to travel to the U.S. for a meeting with the Ambassador.